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REPRESENTATION AND AFRICANIZATION

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1. AS REPORTED REFTTEL, MUZOREWA SAID ON JULY 4 THAT A
"DRAMATIC" ANNOUNCEMENT ON THE DROPPING OF RACIAL DISCRIMINATION
WOULD BE FORTHCOMING IN 24 HOURS. AND ON JULY 5, HE TOLD A PRESS
CONFERENCE THAT A COMMITTEE COMPOSED OF MINISTERS IN THE
TRANSITIONAL GOVERNMENT HAD ALREADY BEEN FORMED TO DRAW UP
A PLAN TO BE PRESENTED TO PARLIAMENT THAT WOULD ELIMINATE
DISCRIMINATION. THE COMMITTEE, HE SAID, WOULD START WORK IN A
FEW WEEKS. SABC RADIO REPORTED ON JULY 6 THAT SALISBURY
HAD ALSO ANNOUNCED FORMATION OF THE COMMITTEE, SAYING IT
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WOULD WORK ON ELIMINATING ALL DISCRIMINATION EXCEPT
THAT WHICH WAS NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE IN THE "NATIONAL INTEREST."

2. FROM SALISBURY, PRESS ACCOUNTS STATE THAT THE EXECUTIVE
COUNCIL ON JULY 5 ANNOUNCED THAT IT WOULD INVITE "A
SUITABLE LEADER REPRESENTING THE MATABELELAND AND MIDLANDS
PROVINCES" TO JOIN THE COUNCIL. PRESS ARTICLE SAYS THE

STATEMENT WAS ISSUED IN APPARENT REACTION TO THE REFUSAL OF NDEBELE LEADER NKOMO TO JOIN THE INTERNAL SETTLEMENT.

3. THE NEW HULLABALOO OVER AFRICANIZATION OF THE CIVIL SERVICE, POLICE AND ARMY (REFTEL HAD ANOTHER CHAPTER WHEN MINISTER SQUIRES, IN APPARENT REPLY TO UANC INFORMATION SECRETARY SAMKANGE'S CRITICISM OF HIS PREVIOUS REMARKS, REPORT-EDLY TOLD A WHITE AUDIENCE ON JULY 5 THAT THE ESSENTIAL SAFEGUARD FOR THE COUNTRY WAS THE PRESENCE OF WHITES AND AN INDEPENDENT ARMED FORCE. HE SAID HE DID NOT BELIEVE IN "PAPER PROMISES" FOR THE PROTECTION OF WHITE RIGHTS, SO IF WHITES WERE NOT SATISFIED WITH THE SAFEGUARDS THEY COULD REJECT THE AGREEMENT. IN THE REFERENDUM, SQUIRES SAID, "IT WILL BE YOUR FIGHT TO SAY NO TO THE PROPOSALS. IF I AND MY COLLEAGUES ARE NOT SATISFIED, WE WILL ALSO SAY NO".

4. COMMENT: MUZOREWA WILL NOT HAVE DONE HIS PRESTIGE ANY GOOD BY NOT BEING ABLE TO DELIVER ON HIS PROMISE OF DEFINITIVE ACTION ON THE DISCRIMINATION FRONT. EDMONDSON

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